GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:20
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2016
Withdrawal of LPG Subsidy
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to revise, rationalise and/or withdraw the subsidy given to the domestic LPG consumers and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(b) whether the Government proposes to introduce any scheme to supply gas cylinders/gas connections to all families and if so, the details thereof;
(c) the percentage increase in the number of LPG consumers in the country during the last three years State/UT-wise; and
(d) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding difficulties faced by domestic consumers due to hike in the prices of natural gas and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 20 BY PROF. SAUGATA ROY TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH APRIL 2016 REGARDING "WITHDRAWAL OF LPG SUBSIDY"
(a) The Government has decided to rationalize the subsidy outgo by excluding such LPG consumers from the purview of subsidy, whose or whose spouse have taxable income of ? 10 lakh and above during the previous financial year computed as per the Income Tax Act, 1961 w.e.f. 1.1.2016. Also the Government has given call to well off LPG consumers to voluntarily give up their subsidy under "GiveItUp" campaign. So far more than 1 crore LPG consumers have voluntarily given up their subsidy.
(b) Through Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, 5 crore new connections will be released to women belonging to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in three years from FY 2016-17 onwards.
(c) State/UT-wise details of percentage increase in the number of LPG consumers during the last three years is at Annexure.
(d) The Government is supplying domestic natural gas to City Gas Distribution(CGD) entities for onward distribution to domestic household consumers. The price of domestic gas is determined as per the New Domestic Gas Pricing Policy, 2014. In view of decline in global energy prices, a similar decline in the price of domestic gas has been observed in the country. Accordingly, the CGD entities also have reduced their prices of natural gas for domestic consumers. Thus, the question of difficulties being faced by the domestic consumers due to hike in prices of natural gas does not arise.